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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5108](#)**

**BY Knight**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC600/1} (Requires the state, including all its agencies and departments, to purchase one hundred percent (100%) of their energy needs from renewable sources by January 1, 2032.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5120](#)**

**BY Bennett**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2020 {LC140/1} (Imposes carbon tax on fossil fuel sellers for use in climate resilience/renewable energy/energy efficiency/climate adaption programs effective upon 3 states adoption covered by RGGL.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5536](#)**

**BY Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACT {LC1205/1} (Authorizes the creation of first-time homebuyer savings account from which savings to purchase a home could be deducted from an individual's or couple's personal income taxes.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5537](#)**

**BY Ajello, Handy, Donovan, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION {LC1443/1} (Defines light duty, non-emergency and zero emission vehicles and requires the state to convert its fleet of vehicles to no less than fifty percent (50%) of vehicles in those categories by the year 2029.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5674](#)**

**BY Morales, Henries, Batista, Potter, Cassar, Kislak**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE GREEN JUSTICE ZONE ACT {LC1156/1} (Establishes the first Green Justice Zone, a model that may be replicated in future years to ensure that all communities throughout the state have clean air and clean water.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5685](#)**

**BY Handy**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS {LC1814/1} (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that certain state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 need to consider and address.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5686](#)**

(General Treasurer)

**BY Barros, Morales, Handy, Messier, Alzate, Giraldo, Shanley, Fogarty, Kislak, Tobon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- SMALL LOAN LENDERS {LC1942/1} (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5801](#)**

**BY Marszalkowski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SENIOR CENTER BUILDING CAPITAL FUND {LC1716/1} (Creates senior center building capital fund to provide cities and towns with financial assistance up to thirty percent of the construction cost of the project.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5807](#)**

**BY Morales, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, Potter, J Lombardi, Henries, Batista**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC1798/1} (Directs department of administration to promulgate regulations giving preferences in the awarding of state contracts to certain business enterprises.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5955](#)**

**BY Felix, Henries, Potter, Alzate, McGaw, Batista, Kazarian, Barros, Ranglin-Vassell, Giraldo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE JOBS {LC1362/1}** (Protects food security and creates agricultural jobs and opportunities with the goal of creating food security. Employs several mechanisms to do so, including the creation of the agriculture jobs bureau, to be located within the division of agriculture.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6025](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY McEntee, Knight, Craven, Caldwell, Batista**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT {LC2190/1}** (Creates within the district court a dedicated calendar offering treatment and sentencing alternatives to eligible defendants deemed to suffer from serious and persistent mental illness to be known as the "Mental Health Treatment Calendar".)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6033](#)**

**BY Felix, Knight, Henries, Potter, Batista, Barros, Handy, S Lima, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- FISCAL NOTES {LC2064/1}** (Clarifies existing statutory scheme as it relates to fiscal notes regarding criminal justice and related legislation. Requires the fiscal notes speak to issues of whether the legislation enhances public safety and contains sensible fiscal policy.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6074](#)**

**BY Henries, Morales, J Lombardi, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Ranglin-Vassell, Felix, Alzate, Amore**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING CONSTRUCTION {LC1159/1}** (Creates the housing jobs department and a series of other initiatives designed to create jobs in housing construction, specifically affordable and low-income housing, green and solar energy jobs and programs for low-income individuals.)

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6150](#)**

(General Treasurer)

**BY Kazarian, Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - UTILITY BASE RATE {LC2498/1}** (Requires electric and gas distribution companies to remit to the Rhode Island Infrastructure bank, at its request, fifteen percent (15%) of their annual demand-side charge collections to be used to fund energy-related financing program.)

03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6248](#)**

(General Treasurer)

**BY Caldwell, McEntee, Costantino, Carson, Hawkins, Baginski, Biah, Speakman**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM {LC2417/1} (Creates paycheck protection program for small businesses of with 50 employees or less for forgivable loans of \$50,000 or less modeled on federal program with sunset date of 6/30/2022.)

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6251](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Kislak, Potter, Cassar, Carson, McEntee, Speakman, Donovan**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC2622/1} (Waives beach parking fees at any state beach for any person that qualifies for a free or reduced lunch pursuant to § 16-8-10.)

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6347](#)**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- MUNICIPAL RESILIENCY {LC2711/1} (Establishes flood audit program to reduce flood risks, mandates Rhode Island infrastructure bank increase funding for action grants, require cities/towns provide priority list to increase municipal resiliency, establish a climate leadership academy.)

05/19/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised live on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via  
**HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.  
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.  
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HFIN.aspx> .**

## **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

**\*DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Monday, May 24, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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